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Children and adults sing carols side by side

This month, children and adults will be singing side by side at carol concerts across the UK. The concerts will include works from new collection *Carols for Everyone*, which features seven carols arranged for SATB choir and children's choir.

Carol concerts have always been a central feature of the Christmas event calendar, but it isn't often that children have the chance to sing the carols alongside the adults. These concerts aim to change that, giving youngsters the chance to experience the thrill of performing in a choral concert while enabling choirs to broaden their outreach activities.

Carols for Everyone was commissioned to mark the centenary of the Carnegie UK Trust, and the participating choirs have been able to purchase copies of the collection thanks to a grant from the trust. Among the choirs taking part is Hallam Choral Society, which will appear alongside children from five schools in Sheffield, and Oxfordshire's Thame Chamber Choir, which has set up a junior choir especially for its concert.

Carols for Everyone is published by Novello, and was produced following discussion between the Carnegie UK Trust and Making Music, the UK's leading organisation for voluntary music. Alongside seasonal favourites such as *Silent Night* and *Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer*, the collection features *I Pray*, a new commission from Paul Mealor, famous as the composer of Military Wives Choir number one single, *Wherever you are*, as well as music from the 2011 royal wedding.

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Notes to editors:

Making Music has been the UK's number one organisation for voluntary music since 1935. We thrive on encouraging all kinds of music groups and individuals to be part of a vibrant multi-cultural music scene. Our 3,000 members include choirs, orchestras, music promoters, jazz and wind bands, community festivals, samba groups, sitar ensembles, barbershop choruses and brass bands. They come to us for the expert help they need to set up, run and develop music groups in their communities. We're here to help everyone flourish in their music making.

www.makingmusic.org.uk

The **Carnegie UK Trust** works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. The Carnegie UK Trust was established by Scots-American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1913 and we are delighted to be celebrating our centenary in 2013. Please see our website for further information on our centenary. www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk

Event Listings

- **Choir 2000 with the Choir 2000 Chamber Orchestra**
2 concerts with:
Chesterton Singers Youth Choir - Fri 6th Dec, 8pm, Histon Baptist Church, Impington, Cambridgeshire
Students from Impington Village College - Sat 7th Dec, 8pm, Histon Baptist Church, Impington, Cambridgeshire
- **Clevedon Choral Society with Clevedon Secondary School Choir**
Sat 7th Dec, 7.30pm, Christchurch, Chapel Hill, Clevedon 10 Coleridge Rd, North Somerset BS21 7TB
- **Atherstone Choral Society with Racemeadow Children's Choir**
Polesworth Abbey, High St, Polesworth, Tamworth, Warwickshire B78 1DU -
Sun 8th Dec, 7.30pm
- **Peterborough Choral Society with William de Yaxley Junior School Choir**
Tues 10 Dec, 7pm, St Peter's Church, Yaxley, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE7 3LH
- **Glasgow Chamber Choir with East Dunbartonshire Children's Chorus and Renfrew High School Choir.**
Thurs 12 Dec, 7.30pm, Hyndland Parish Church, Hyndland, Glasgow.

- **Hallam Choral Society with School Choirs of Sheffield**
Sat 14 Dec, 4pm High Storrs School, High Storrs Road, Sheffield S11 7LH
- **Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society with junior choir**
Thurs 19 Dec, 7pm, Ystradowen Village Hall, Cowbridge Road, Ystradowen, Cowbridge CF71 7SY
- **Yorkshire Philharmonic Choir & Queen Elizabeth Grammar Junior School**
Sat 21 Dec, 7.30pm, Wakefield Cathedral, Westmorland St, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 1HG
- **Thame Chamber Choir with Thame Children's Choir**
Sat 21 Dec – 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church, Thame, Oxfordshire.